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At the Talbot-Inn,* near the May-Pole,† in the Strand, is now to be seen
The High German Performer, born without Arms.

THERE is lately arrived, a Person‡ that was born without either Arms or Hands, and he does such Miraculous Performances with his Feet, that the like was never known in the World. He hath been sent for by Kings, Princes, and Dukes of several Countries, and shews such Things with his Feet that nobody can do with both Arms, Hands and Feet. He writes very fine with his *Mouth*, right and left Foot, without discerning which is the best, and five Sorts of Languages, and makes his own pens with a Pen-Knive, he walks upon his two great Toes, and stands upon one Toe, he lays his Foot in his Neck, and hops upon the other, he stands upon the top of a little Stool, and reaches a Glass with his *Mouth*, from under it, he threads a very fine and small Needle, and sows very prettily, and all Actions whatsoever is done by Hands, he does with his Feet, he combs or dresses a Perrishig very wels, shaves himself, dress and undresses himself, &c. and all with his Feet. It is a strange and wonderful thing to the World, to see him put himself in a Posture of Defence, with a single Rapier to fight. He darts a Sword into a Deal-Board, he beats a Drum, he charges a Gun, or any Manner of Arms, and shoots at a Mark, and Jumping and Vaulting is his Master-Piece, and what he does, nobody can do the like. He has also several Inventions with Glasses. It is impossible to express all.

Vivat Regina.

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* The Talbot-inn was situated on the south side of the Strand, between Surry-street and Somerset-house.

† The old May-pole stood almost on the site of the present church of St. Mary-le-Strand: it was removed in 1713, and a new one erected July 4, opposite Somerset-house. When the second May-pole was taken down in May 1718, Sir Isaac Newton procured it of the inhabitants, and afterwards sent it to the Rev. Mr. Pound, rector of Wanstead, Essex, who obtained permission from Lord Castlemain to erect it in Wanstead-park, for the support of the then largest telescope in Europe, made by Mons. Hugon, and presented by him to the Royal Society, of which he was a member.

‡ His name was JOHN VALERIUS.

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